GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka and other Southern States have demanded early announcement ofMinimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy and certain other crops alongwith some concessions for farmers in these drought hit States;

(b) if so, the details of the demand put forth by the States; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The State Governments of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have demanded higher Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Kharif Crops including Paddy for 2003-04 season as compared to those recommended by the CACP. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has concurred with the recommendations of CACP and the State Government of Kerala has not given any specific recommendation.

The Government have recently announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) ofKharif Crops for 2003-04 season (October − September) on the basis of the recommendations made by the CACP, views of the State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which, in the opinion of the Government, are important for fixation of support prices. The MSPs are uniform throughout the country.

A statement showing the MSPs demanded by Karnataka and other Southern States andthose announced by the Government of India for Kharif Crops of 2003-04 season is enclosed.

Annexure

MSPs demanded by Southern States and fixed by the Government of India for Kharif Crops of 2003-04 season.

Rs. per quintal

S.No.	Commodities	MSP recommended by Govt. of India			MSP announced			
		Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Kerala	Tamil Nadu			
1.	Paddy Common	650	-	-	550	550		
	Grade`A`	680			580	580		
2.	Jowar	-	770	557	-	505	505	
3.	Bajra	-	700	720	-	505	505	
4.	Maize	-	520	708	-	505	505	
5.	Ragi	-	730	526	-	505	505	
6.	Tur (Arhar)	-	1770	1582	-	1360	1360	
7	Moong	-	1590	-	-	1370	1370	

8.Urad	-	1850	-	-	1370	1370
9.Groundnut- in-shell	-	2050	1987	-	1400	1400
10.Soyabean Yellow	-	-	-	930	930	
Black	-	-	-	840	840	
11.Sunflowerseed	1970	1581	-	1250	1250	
12.Seasum	-	-	-	1485	1485	
13.Nigerseed	-	-	-	1155	1155	
14.Cotton F-414/						
H777/J-34	2600	-	-	1725	1725	
H-4	3010	2115	-	1925	1925	